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## THE ATKINSON BILL LEADS TO A SPIRITED DEBATE.

**Mr. Grout Opposes It** and Mr. Atkinson Defends It—Senator Stanford's Pet Measure in the Senate—District Ministers Considered By the Committee.

## SENATE.

In the Senate to-day, after some routine business, Mr. Stanford addressed the committee on his bill, introduced on the 5th instant, to increase the circulating medium.

Mr. Stanford said that money was the most important factor in the business re-lation, and that there was a limit to the quantity of gold and silver metals; and that limit could not be exceeded by any effort on the part of the Government. It was therefore a great mistake for the Government to interfere in the use of money, or in a material outside of its control and limited in quantity. On a sufficient of money depended very largely the industry of the country. An accumulation of it was important, and was to be found in the present depressed financial condition. Never was there such an accumulation of wealth as now, never was the country more prosperous, yet owing to the want of money there was a great disturbance of credit which was distress all over the land. So general was the uneasiness and apprehension that money which ought to be circulated was being hoarded.

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Before the bodies of deceased persons are delivered to the authorized agents of the funeral service, the names and addresses of the relatives or friends of the deceased, if known of, and if not known, the death and a description of the deceased shall be published, once in a daily paper of the city of Washington. The notice or notice shall not be delivered until twenty-four hours after the giving of the notice or the publication. Any costs attending the publication of the notice shall be paid by the agent to whom the body of the deceased is authorized to be given.

Before an agent of a college shall receive dead bodies, he shall give to the Health Officer a sufficient bond in the sum of \$2,000 that the bodies will be used for scientific purposes, and that the remains shall be decently buried. Whenever shall use bodies for any other purposes, or remove them from the limits of the District, or train them away, and/or shall neglect to do so, the Health Officer shall be liable to a fine of \$100 to the quantity of gold and silver metals; and that limit could not be exceeded by any effort on the part of the Government. It was therefore a great mistake for the Government to interfere in the use of money, or in a material outside of its control and limited in quantity. On a sufficient of money depended very largely the industry of the country. An accumulation of it was important, and was to be found in the present depressed financial condition. Never was there such an accumulation of wealth as now, never was the country more prosperous, yet owing to the want of money there was a great disturbance of credit which was distress all over the land. So general was the uneasiness and apprehension that money which ought to be circulated was being hoarded.

Mr. Stanford said that the bill would affect two meetings a week, on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

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THE FINANCIAL SITUATION.

The Senate Committee on Finance Hold an Important Meeting.

A meeting of the Finance Committee was held at 2 o'clock this afternoon to consider the bill to provide for the issuance of a sufficient amount of money to meet the emergency created by the rate of interest on the public debt.

The discussion of the bill was brief. The Democratic Senators said that they were opposed to many features of the bill, but that they would not interfere with a bill to provide for the issuance of money to meet the emergency created by the rate of interest on the public debt.

Mr. Morrell and Mr. Sherman said that they were in favor of adding to the bill a clause providing for the issue of 2 per cent bonds—the provision which was struck out by Senator Monday night.

Mr. Atkinson, who had been asked to speak on the bill, said that the bill would be issued under the provisions of the bill upon unimpeachable and probably still unsatisfactory evidence to supply what was demanded and determined by the rate which the borrower could afford to pay. Two per cent was the amount to be paid to the Government for the issue of the money, and the loan would be worth more than 2 per cent, the security being practically inexhaustible, money would always be borrowed from the Government, and that the Government would be able to exact a large rate of interest on the money.

The principles of the Government loaning money was fully established by the advance it had made upon its own bonds, which, while entirely good, were not strong enough to support the bill which rested at last upon the authority of the Government.

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Mr. Atkinson then took up the Printing Department bill on which some discussion took place reflecting on the House for the inadequacy of the regular Appropriation bill, necessitating frequent Dept. Beliege bills.

The bill was passed.

## HOUSE.

In the House this afternoon Representative Atkinson of Pennsylvania called up the conference report on the District Rail road bill which bears his name.

Mr. Enloe raised the question of consider-ation. It was voted down promptly by 135 to 55.

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Mr. Hough of South Carolina de-manded the ayes and nays. A sufficient number arising in their seats the ayes and nays were ordered. The vote resulted 104 to 55.

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